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MESSAGE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER FROM KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN

- 1. The Jordanian Ambassador telephoned me at 1350 hours today with an urgent telex message from King Hussein of Jordan to the Prime Minister.
- 2. The message is as follows:-

'Dear Mrs Prime Minister

In the name of human decency I appeal to you to exert your immediate and maximum effort on behalf of your nation to bring to an end the unprecedented holocaust enacted on Lebanon's soil today. The ceasefire observed between the so-called Israeli Defence Forces and the Syrian Armed Forces in the Lebanon is no great achievement if the apparent price exacted by Israel is its continued war of genocide against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. Men, women and children are falling by the thousands while the Israeli war machine continues its systematic destruction of life and property. This is indeed one of the darkest chapters in the history of mankind, written by Israel in defiance of the Security Council and its resolutions 508 and 509. The blood of thousands of human beings who have fallen in the Lebanon and in Beirut will never be forgotten. My message to you is an urgent appeal to ensure, before it is too late, through your strongest possible actions that more human life is not wasted and to disassociate yourself and your nation for all time to come from any suggestion of tolerance or acquiescence in the Israeli bloodbath created in Lebanon.

I am, madam,

Your sincere friend,

(signed) A1-Hussein I'

3. The Jordanian Ambassador said that he would deliver the text



from the Embassy on 14 June. But he asked that the message be drawn to the attention of the Prime Minister today.

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cc: Private Secretary PS/PUS

Sir J Leahy Mr Moberly AUSS Mr Miles NENAD